

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. **(Currently amended)** O-desmethylvenlafaxine prepared by reacting venlafaxine with a high molecular weight alkane or arene thiolate anion in an alcohol, ethylene glycol, ether of ethylene glycol, or mixture thereof, and neutralizing the product to the isoelectric point; wherein the O-desmethylvenlafaxine is crystalline and contains no more than about 1% venlafaxine as an impurity.
2. **(Currently amended)** O-desmethylvenlafaxine prepared by demethylating venlafaxine with dodecyl thiolate and polyethylene glycol 400 in the presence of sodium methylate in methanol at about 180C to about 200 C for about 2 to about 5 hours and neutralizing the product to about pH 9.5 in the presence of isopropanol, wherein the O-desmethylvenlafaxine is crystalline and contains no more than about 1% venlafaxine as an impurity.